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Dear Sirs:

While it's true that neither party ever gets everything they want in a settlement, you've proven that once again, if you have enough money you don't have to be responsible for your actions in America.

Why didn't you insist on changes to XP? Why only 5 years of monitoring? Microsoft has proven time and again that it will not abide by court judgments, let alone settlements. What makes you think this time is any different?

You should have pushed along to trial, and Justice should have asked Congress to create a law providing for a "corporate death-penalty" where anti-trust violations are concerned. Capitalism represents the core of our economic strength, and you've allowed one of the greatest cheaters of capitalism to get off the hook with a slap on the hand. When a corporation engages in anti-competitive practices, it commits the most serious crime (short of physical injury or murder) possible to our system. Such evildoers must be tried and punished at all cost.

You ought to be ashamed of yourselves. Microsoft can now continue to hold customers hostage, thanks to you.

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